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### **KYRGYZ-TURKISH FREINDSHIP STATE HOSPITAL WILL OPEN IN 2020**



President of kyrgyzstan Sooronbai Jeenbekov approved the law “On ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on mutual travel of citizens of two countries, which was announced on 26 April 2011.

The law was adopted by the Kyrgyz Assembly on November 27, 2019. The law states that, The Additional Protocol includes the conditions for the two countries. Officials appointed by state institutions in the fields of religion and education to be exempt from the obligation to obtain work

permits. The law comes into force after 10 days of its date of official publication.

The purpose of the Additional Protocol to the above Agreement is to simplify the conditions of stay of citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Turkey on the territory of two states. In particular, the protocol also allows Kyrgyz citizens who wish to receive medical services or stay in Turkey for more than three months to be exempt from the payment of residence permits.

President Ceenbekov instructed the Foreign Ministry of Kyrgyzstan to inform the Turkish side about the approval.

## KYRGYZSTAN-TURKEY BUSINESS FORUM



Turkey-Kyrgyzstan Business Forum was held in Istanbul on January 22, 2020.

According to information received from Trtavaz.com.t news site, Turkey-Kyrgyzstan Business Forum, Turkey Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB), Turkey Exporters Assembly (TIM) and the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) on January 22, 2020 in cooperation with the Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel Created in. Vice President Fuat

Oktaç, TOBB, Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Rifat Hisarcıklıođlu, TIM President İsmail Gülle, DEİK President Nail Olpak, delegations and Kyrgyzstan business representatives attended the forum.

In the meantime, 7 separate memorandum of understanding were signed regarding the collaborations to be held within the scope of the forum held in cooperation with TIM, TOBB and DEİK. Also last Karaman Chamber of Commerce on January 20, 2020 (ie CCCI), Mevlana Development Agency (LOCATION) and the Independent Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (MUSIAD) in Karaman Karaman Branch of cooperation 2. Turkey-Kyrgyzstan Business Development Forum began. Kyrgyzstan Ambassador Kubaniçbek Ömüraliyev, Kyrgyzstan Deputy Regional Governor Altınbek Namazaliyev, Kyrgyzstan Free Zones Deputy General Manager Miradil Bakasev, Karaman Governor Fahri Meral, Karaman Deputy. Recep Şeker ve Av. Selam Oğuzhan Eser, Mayor of Karaman Savaş Kalaycı, Chairman of the Board of Karaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KTSO) Mustafa Gökhan Alkan, Rector of Karamanođlu Mehmetbey University. Dr. Mehmet Akgül and Kyrgyzstan's business representatives attended.

## 972.9 THOUSAND TONS OF FUEL AND LUBRICANTS WERE IMPORTED TO KYRGYZSTAN IN 2019



According to preliminary data, during 2019, Kyrgyzstan imported 972.9 thousand tons of oil products. This was reported in the Association of oil traders.

According to her, they imported 453.8 thousand tons of gasoline and 519.1 thousand tons of diesel fuel. The main

and only source of official fuel and lubricants supplies to the republic is Russia. "Thanks to the duty-free import of fuel and lubricants, Kyrgyz consumers save significant amounts. Last year alone, fee savings amounted to \$ 27.2 million," the association emphasized.

## **AMBASSADOR K. OMURALIEV MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE PROVINCE OF MALATYA OGUZKHAN ATA SADIKOGLU**



On January 14-15, 2020, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Republic of Turkey Kubanychbek Omuraliev made a working trip to Malatya.

During the trip, Ambassador K. Omuraliev met with the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the province of Malatya Oguzkhan Ata Sadykoglu and presented a presentation on the investment climate and opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic, on business

conditions (liberal taxes, costs of doing business, etc. ), macroeconomic indicators and the foreign trade turnover of the Kyrgyz Republic, on the membership of the Kyrgyz Republic in the EAEU. Ambassador K. Omuraliev invited businessmen to participate in the Kyrgyz-Turkish business forum held in the summer of 2020, and also answered questions of interest to them.

Then Ambassador K. Omuraliev visited a number of companies in the 1st Organized Industrial Zone of Malatya that produce textiles, elevator equipment, etc. K. Omuraliev also got acquainted with the activities of Technocent (technopark) at the University named after İnenu.

At a meeting with members of the MÜSAİD branch in Malatya province and its head Muharrem Poiraz, Ambassador K. Omuraliev also made a presentation on the investment climate and opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic and invited businessmen to the Kyrgyz-Turkish business forum. The parties agreed to assist the Embassy in the trip of a delegation of 20-25 MÜSAİD businessmen to Kyrgyzstan to establish cooperation with Kyrgyz businessmen.

For reference: MÜSİAD - Society of Independent Industrialists and Businessmen, a civic organization founded in Istanbul in 1990.

## **FUNDS OF 2.1 BILLION SOMS RECIEVED FOR 5 YEARS, AND IMPLEMENTED MORE THAN 450 PROJECTS IN KYRGYZSTAN**

In period of 2019-2023, it is planned to continue work on the creation of logistics centers. This was announced on January 27, 2020, by Deputy Prime Minister Kubatbek Boronov during a government meeting.

Boronov said that the creation of such centers will bring the country's agriculture to a new level. According to him, conditions are being created in the regions to increase the country's export potential, also veterinary laboratories have been created.

He said that over the past 5 years, the Regional Development Funds received 2.1 billion soms and implemented more than 450 projects.



## MODERN MACHINERY AND AUTOMOBILE FACTORY ATTACK FROM KYRGYZSTAN



Osh mayor Taalaibek Sarybashov said that the opening of a modern machine-building plant will take place very soon in the southern capital.

“This enterprise will be the first machine-building and machine-tool plant in the country, which was opened since the independence of the Republic. It is equipped with modern European-made equipment. The plant also produces machines for the needs of entrepreneurs. For example, a businessman wanted to produce hay harvesters or open a Bicycle manufacturing company. But this requires machines that these machines and will produce a new plant,” — said Sarybekov. He noted that the industrial enterprise covers an area of 3 hectares, and the total area of production facilities is more than 16 thousand square meters.

“The opening of such an enterprise will have a positive impact on the economic development of the city and the Republic as a whole, and the products produced will be in demand not only in the country, but also abroad. There will

also be new jobs. We Express our deep gratitude to the founder of the Kaganat invest holding Nurbek Osmonov, who invested a lot of effort and money in the construction of the enterprise, “ the mayor said. According to him, there are many industrial enterprises in neighboring Uzbekistan — factories for the production of cars and even aircraft.

“Kyrgyzstan has missed a lot in its time. But now it is planned to build domestic electric vehicles at the new plant together with Nissan. In addition, very necessary energy equipment will be produced — hydro turbines, various types of generators, and modern electric meters. These products will be in demand for both domestic and foreign energy companies, “ the mayor said.

The plant was built by the Kyrgyz Unaa Kurulush company, which is a subsidiary of the Kaganat invest holding company. The entire industrial process at the plant is automated as much as possible, and high-quality specialists from Kyrgyzstan, Japan and Europe were attracted to work. The plant started the first stage of its work.

## **KAZAKHSTAN EARNED ABOUT \$ 1.2 BILLION IN TRANSIT TRAFFIC IN 2019**



Over the past year, Kazakhstan earned over 450 billion tenge (1,184 billion US dollars) in transit traffic, the press service of the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan reports.

According to the results of last year, the volume of transit cargo transported through Kazakhstan amounted to 19.4 million tons. Including, the volume of transit traffic by rail amounted to 17.5 million tons. In this case, the main destinations are the countries of Central Asia - 75.6%, or 11.5 million tons. In particular, Uzbekistan - 7.1 million tons, Kyrgyzstan - 2.26 million tons, Tajikistan - 1.2 million tons and Afghanistan - 0.26 million tons, while Russia accounts for 2.8%, China - 13 , 8% and EU countries - 7.1%.

The volume of transit traffic by road amounted to 1.93 million tons. The main directions of road transport were as follows: from China to the countries of the European Union -

14 thousand tons, to Central Asian countries 779 thousand tons, 61.7 thousand tons of cargo were delivered to Russia. From the countries of Central Asia to the European Union - 106.5 thousand tons, to Russia - 396 thousand tons, to China - 5.4 thousand tons. 9.7 thousand tons of cargo were delivered from Russia to the countries of Central Asia, 567 thousand tons from the countries of the European Union to Central Asia, and 2.7 thousand tons of cargo to China.

Also, according to the results of 2019, the total volume of transit transportation of containers through the territory of Kazakhstan increased by 23% and amounted to 664 thousand containers. Of these, the number of containers in the direction of China – Europe – China increased by 11% and amounted to 347 thousand containers.

Thus, in 2019, Kazakhstan earned over 450 billion tenge on transit traffic.

## INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TURKISH FIRMS IN KAZAKHSTAN



The number of Turkish capital firms in Kazakhstan and their contribution to the country's economy is increasing. Kabar.kg information obtained from the news site, Kazakhstan Ministry of national economy Statistics Agency data was given. According to the data, 1939 out of 3,453 Turkish capital firms registered as of December 1, 2019 were reported to be active.

The firms in question consisted of 1884 small, 33 medium and 22 large enterprises. 467 of the Turkish firms were

reported to be operating in construction, 650 in retail and wholesale, 124 in accommodation and bulk meals, and 190 in manufacturing.

508 Turkish companies provide services in agriculture, mining, transportation, education, health, information and communication, insurance and real estate.

Kazakhstan's trade volume with Turkey increased by 54% in the first 10 months of 2019 compared to the same period of 2018, reaching \$ 2.5 billion.

## OVER 400 THOUSAND NEW JOBS WILL BE CREATED IN KAZAKHSTAN IN 2020

Around 430 thousand new jobs will be established in Kazakhstan in 2020. This was announced at an expanded meeting of the Government by the Prime Minister Askar Mamin. "One of the most important priorities of the Government's work is the creation of productive jobs. In 2020, 430 thousand new jobs will be created in all sectors of the economy, including those with high productivity," Mamin said.

According to him, this will be facilitated by the implementation of investment projects that involve a transition to a new technological level in the organization of the production of goods and services, which will lead to an increase in labor productivity up to 8.2 million tenge per person (in 2019 - 7.4 million tenge per person). "The main source will be the service sector, primarily tourism, trade and construction, as well as sectors of the real sector, including manufacturing and agriculture," Mamin concluded.



## OIL AND COTTON PRODUCTS ATTACK FROM TURKMENISTAN



The volume of foreign trade in Turkmenistan is increasing every day.

Finansajans.com information from the news site included statements on the official website of Turkmenistan's Ministry of Commerce. The announcement will also revive the stock market in Turkmenistan in the last week of 2019, with a significant increase in sales of cotton products in particular reported.

The statement said entrepreneurs from the United Arab Emirates were purchasing base oil, whose production was made at the Turkmenbashi Oil Refinery. It was also stated that entrepreneurs from Britain, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Russia and Turkey bought cotton yarn for a total volume of 18.8 million Manats (\$5.1 million). Domestic market cotton fiber purchases 254 thousand manat (72 thousand dollars) was reported to have occurred.

## **TURKMENISTAN SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH A TURKISH COMPANY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF POWER LINES FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES TO AFGHANISTAN**

On January 24, Ashgabat signed the Agreement on cooperation in the implementation of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan transmission line project. It was concluded between the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan and TAPP-500 Power Transmission Line FZE, a subsidiary of Çalyk Holding A.Ş. (Turkey).

According to Turkmenportal, the current meeting was organized on behalf of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov in order to develop a legal framework for mutual partnership on the construction of a 220 kW power transmission line. In accordance with the decree of the head of state, issues related to the laying of a transnational energy highway directly through the territory of our country to the Turkmen-Afghan border in the direction of Mary HPP - the city of Herat of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan were agreed.

In January 2018, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan and Çalyk Holding A.Ş in this area. Recall, during the laying of the foundation of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline section in February 2018, the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (TAP) Transmission



Line Agreement was signed between the governments of the project participating countries. In addition to the energy supply of all infrastructure facilities of this highway, the future power transmission line will provide the opportunity to export electricity to Pakistan and other countries of South Asia in transit through Afghanistan.

## **TAJIKISTAN PLANS TO IMPORT 200 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS FROM UZBEKISTAN**



This year Tajikistan plans to import natural gas from Uzbekistan in the amount of 200 million cubic meters.

As the first deputy of Tajiktransgaz Shavkat Shoimov said at a meeting with reporters on Monday in Dushanbe, the head of Tajiktransgaz is currently in Uzbekistan to resolve this issue.

According to Shavkat Shoimov, last year Tajikistan imported 140 million cubic meters of Uzbek gas. Natural gas received numerous large, medium-sized enterprises and workshops. The amount of natural gas imports amounted to more than \$ 17.7 million.

In 2018, this figure was 54 million cubic meters of gas worth \$ 6.9 million.

It is noted that among the major consumers of imported natural gas are the Dushanbe CHPP-1 and the aluminum company Talco.



## TAJKISTAN VISITED BY 1 MILLION TOURISTS IN 2019



1 million dollars invested in the economy of Tajikistan by foreigners. That's why, it is announced that 5 year multi-entry visa will be granted. More than 1 million tourists visited the country in the first 9 months of 2019, according to the statement. This rate was reported to be increased by 20% more than the data of 2018. Reports Tajikistan Telegraph Agency tajikta.tj

The president of Tajikistan, Imamali Rahman, first pointed out that it is very important to prepare the staff that will

serve in the field of Tourism and offered to open the Tourism Institute for the training of the staff that will serve in this sector. For foreign citizens who are entitled to a simplified visa, I suggest issuing a multiple-entry tourist visa, and extend it for up to 60 days," he said.

Today, more than 200 tourist companies are operating in Tajikistan and 15 infrastructure projects are being implemented to provide services in the field of tourism in the country.

## TAJKISTAN'S FOREIGN TRADE TURNOVER GREW BY 7.1%

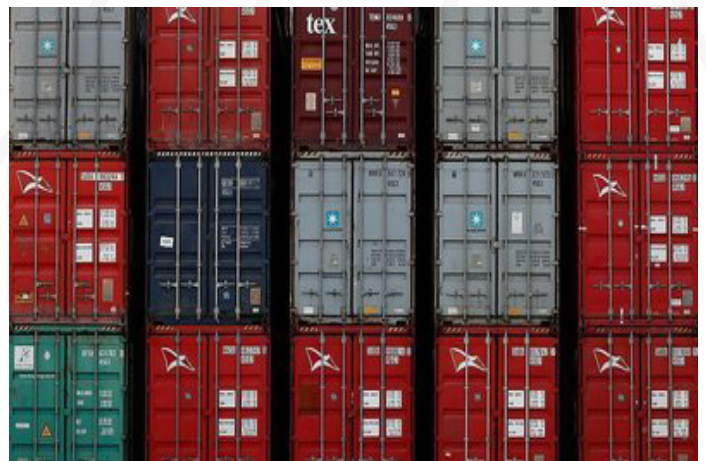
Last year, Tajikistan's foreign trade turnover grew by 7.1 percent compared to 2018 and amounted to \$ 4.52 billion, Avesta.Tj reports.

According to the Tajik Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan's exports in 2019 amounted to \$ 1.2 billion, imports - \$ 3.3 billion. At the same time, imports were 2.8 times higher than exports.

During the reporting period, Tajikistan conducted trade with 105 countries.

The main trade partners of Tajikistan remain Russia (bilateral trade has exceeded one billion dollars), Kazakhstan (957.5 million dollars), China (660.9 million dollars).

According to statistics, a negative balance has been maintained in Tajikistan's foreign trade for several years.



## **\$ 216.7 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROGUN HYDROELECTRIC STATION IN TAJIKISTAN**



Of the 3 billion 927.6 million somoni (\$ 405.3 million) envisaged by the state budget of Tajikistan for 2020 for the development of the energy sector, more than half of the funds will be allocated for the construction of the Rogun hydroelectric station, the Tajik Telegraph Agency (TajikTA) reports on Friday.

“The draft state budget for the current year provides for the allocation of 3 billion 927.6 million somoni (\$ 405.3 million) for the development of the energy sector. About 2.1 billion somoni (\$ 216.7 million) of which will be allocated for the construction of Rogun hydropower plants, ”the Ministry of Finance of the republic confirmed. Budget funding for completing Rogun this year is commensurate with the funds allocated for this purpose last year.

In general, due to all sources, in 2019 it was planned to allocate 4 billion somoni for the construction of this hydroelectric station. Construction work and the purchase of necessary equipment, in particular, is carried out at the expense of the balance of funds raised through the placement of Eurobonds on international financial markets, as well as at the expense of the proceeds from the sale of shares of JSC Rogunskaya HPP.

In 2018, 4.7 billion somoni were allocated for the construction of the Rogun hydroelectric station, taking into account the additional amount. This figure is 889 million somoni more than in 2017.

Recall, on January 15, the Majlisi Namoyandagon (lower house of parliament) of Tajikistan approved amendments to the law of the RT “On privatization of state property”.

The amendments provide for permission to attract investments, including foreign ones, for the development of the activities of Rogun HPP OJSC.

## **TRADE TURNOVER BETWEEN CHINA AND TAJIKISTAN INCREASED**

Commodity circulation between China and Tajikistan has grown from \$ 2.75 million to \$ 600 million, the Tajik Telegraph Agency reported on Friday.

This was stated at the opening of the PRC photo exhibition on Xinjiang in the Tajikistan National Library in the city of Dushanbe.

Chinese ambassador to tajikistan Liu Bin announced in press conference about relations between Tajikistan and China, noting that trade between the countries increased from \$ 2.75 million in 1992 to \$ 600 million in 2019 .

“In 2019, China invested \$ 210 million in Tajikistan, the total investment amounted to \$ 2.398 billion, which is 50.5% of the total foreign investment in Tajikistan,” the ambassador said. “Currently, over 400 Chinese enterprises operate in Tajikistan, which makes them the largest taxpayers and major exporters in Tajikistan,” he added.



## UZBEKISTAN WILL BUILD A UNIQUE WIND FARM FOR \$ 600 MILLION



Agreements on the implementation of a number of projects in the energy sector were signed between the government of Uzbekistan and the investment holding Mubadala (UAE) and its division Masdar.

This was announced on January 18 by the press service of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The agreement provides for Masdar's \$ 600 million investment in the construction of a wind farm in the Navoi region of Uzbekistan. According to the plan, a 400 MW power plant will be commissioned in 2022. In addition, an agreement was also signed with Mubadala to implement a project to privatize existing and

build new power units on the basis of Talimarjan TPP JSC. The agreement defines the mechanisms and conditions for privatization, development, financing and operation of the Talimarjan Thermal Power Plant.

The purchase of shares in the energy complex is scheduled for the third quarter of 2020. Recall that in 2019, Masdar won the open tender of the Republic of Uzbekistan to attract investment in alternative energy through public-private partnerships (PPPs). At the same time, an agreement was signed on the construction of a photovoltaic station with a total capacity of 100 MW in the Navoi region of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

## UZBEKISTAN'S ECONOMY GREW BY 5.5% IN 2019

According to the Ministry of economy and industry of Uzbekistan, in 2019, the country's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 5.5% and reached 58.3 billion dollars. Reports [kabar.kg](http://kabar.kg)

During this period in Uzbekistan, industry grew by 6.4 percent, construction - by 11.8 percent, the service sector by 6.1 percent, At the same time, the volume of GDP per capita grew by 13.6 percent, amounted 1,741 dollars.

And in 2018, Uzbekistan's GDP grew by 5.1% and reached 407.5 trillion soms (42.5 billion dollars). In industry, the growth was 10.6%, in construction-9.9%, in services - 5.4%, in agriculture and fisheries-0.3%.

Uzbekistan's government predicted GDP would increase by an average of 5.4% in 2019, while the World Bank predicted GDP would increase by 5.5% in 2019.



## UZBEKISTAN TEXTILE EXPORTS INCREASED IN 2019



The increase in exports of textile products can be noticed as a result of reforms in the production of finished products and the formation of added value instead of the production of raw cotton in Uzbekistan.

For instance, products worth \$ 1.6 billion were exported by the end of the year 2019, which amounted to 9.1% of total exports and, it increased by 1.3 times compared to 2018. In the structure of textile exports, the main share is cotton yarn (56.9%), as well as finished knitwear and garments (21.8%).

Since the beginning of 2019, more than 432 types of textile products have been exported to 59 countries.

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## UZBEKISTAN AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION PLANS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS WORTH OF \$ 25 BILLION IN 2019-2024

On December 25, the Uzbek-Russian inter-MFA political consultations took place in Moscow, plans of implementing joint projects of \$ 25 billion was announced for period of 2019-2024. Reports The foreign ministry of Uzbekistan.

As emphasized, the priority in strengthening strategic partnership has been the expansion of mutually beneficial trade-economic cooperation. Over the past two years, its volume has grown 1.5 times. In January-November of this year, the trade turnover amounted to \$5.8 billion, which is 14.1% higher than the same period last year. Since the beginning of the year, 130 mutual visits of various delegations of an economic nature have been organized. "In this context, great importance is attached to the development of ties between the regions of the two countries. The regions of Uzbekistan have established productive relations with 70 constituent entities of Russia," the report says.

The Uzbekistan's delegation was led by First Deputy Foreign Minister Ilhom Nematov and The Russian Federation was represented by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko. The meeting reviewed the progress in the implementation of the agreements reached in the framework of state



visits of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to Russia in April 2017 and President Vladimir Putin to Uzbekistan in October 2018.

# UZBEKISTAN'S VOLUME OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT INCREASED BY 3 TIMES IN 2019



More than tripled foreign investments attracted by Uzbekistan in 2019, the press service of the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade of the republic said.

According to the agency, the total volume of foreign investment and loans amounted to \$ 13.3 billion, including foreign direct investment - \$ 9.3 billion and funds from international financial institutions - \$ 4 billion.

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report, the world foreign direct investment volume has been declining for the third year in a row, reaching the lowest level that was observed immediately after the global financial crisis. At the end of 2018, this indicator decreased by 19% (in 2017, 16%).

Meanwhile, according to the UNCTAD report, positive trends were observed in developing countries, especially in Asia, where the volume of foreign investment grew by 5%. Moreover, while in the countries of Central Asia the growth in foreign investment amounted to an average of 8-10%, then in Uzbekistan this indicator compared to the indicators of 2018 (\$ 2.9 billion, of which \$ 1.6 billion in fixed assets) grew by 3.2 times (\$ 9.3 billion, of which \$ 6.6

billion in fixed assets), which provided the Republic with leadership in terms of growth rate among the countries of the region. The main foreign investors were China, Russia and Germany, the ministry said.

At the same time, the total number of investing countries in the economy of Uzbekistan exceeded the mark of 50, due to which the share of the largest investing countries fell to 34% of the total volume of attracted foreign direct investment and loans.

According to the Ministry of Investment, an active growth in attracting foreign direct investment was observed in the industries such as, electrotechnical (7.5 times), metallurgical (4.6 times), textile (2.5 times), leather and footwear (2.1 times) and oil and gas ( 2 times) .

In 2020, the republic plans to attract \$ 7.1 billion of foreign direct investment and \$ 2.7 billion as classified as foreign investment and loans under the state guarantee.

This year, it is planned to commission more than 2 thousand social, infrastructural and industrial facilities, listed as 206 large new production facilities, 240 regional production facilities, 1.6 thousand social and infrastructural facilities.

## UZBEKISTAN INTENDS TO BUILD HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION IN TAJIKISTAN

On January 28, negotiations were held in Tashkent between the working groups of the two countries to discuss the joint construction of a hydroelectric power station on the Zarafshan River in Tajikistan. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Energy of Uzbekistan.

“The subject of discussion is the draft agreement between the government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the government of the Republic of Tajikistan on the procedure and conditions for shared participation in the construction and operation of hydroelectric power stations,” the press service said. According to Minenrego, as part of the project, it is planned to build the Yavan hydroelectric power station with a capacity of 140 MW and an estimated cost of \$ 282 million in the first stage, at the next stage, the parties will consider the possibility of building a hydroelectric station on the Fandarya river with a capacity of 135 MW with an estimated cost of \$ 270 million.

It is reported that the constructed hydropower plants will generate up to 1.4 billion kWh of environmental clean electricity exclusively for the needs of Uzbekistan.

Recall that the question of the Uzbek side participating in the construction of two hydroelectric power plants in Tajikistan with a capacity of 320 MW was discussed during a meeting between the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat



Mirziyayev and his Tajik counterpart Emomali Rahmon in August 2018. Currently, Uzbekistan does not have enough electricity generated in the country, so it is forced to import it from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. According to official data, in 2017, energy consumption in the republic exceeded 60 billion kW / h. According to forecasts of the Ministry of Energy, by 2030, the country's electricity consumption will exceed 105 billion kW / h.

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